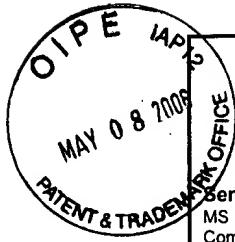


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AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 14, 2006, maintaining the final rejection of claims 1, 53, 54, 57, 59 and 60, please enter for consideration the Amendment and Remarks herein in support of the Request for Continued Examination that is filed concurrently herewith for the above-identified U.S. patent application.

A request for a four month extension of time to respond to the Action is filed herewith, which extends the date of response to May 8, 2006.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.